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Monday.

June 13, 1929.

Dearest Family.

Right now I'm in a Physics lab in West High in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Elizabeth Ivanov is at the board working problems. Now I'll begin at the beginning and tell you how I got here etc. We just came from a History class. Deliver me from ever being a teacher like that. - - Sarcasm personified. It really is so extreme that I'll class it as unnatural.

Betty loves Physics and Chemistry. She's an all around student. None of her final grades are less than 95 - She's brilliant - that's all there is to it.

You can't imagine how wonderful it is to be here. I went to Calvary Church yesterday morning. Arr.

in Chicago at 6 - Caught a Mkt. St. Paul at 7:15 and got to Milwaukee at 9:00 - Naturally I went over to the Y. where I knew things best. Introduced myself to a Mr. Sights who asked to be remembered to you - I started to go upstairs where who should I meet but Bob. Greaves. He said - Well isn't this a sight for sore eyes. He nearly fell over - Didn't know I was coming at all. - Went in the ladies rest room and got cleaned up. Bob had said that there was no regular S.S. but but a Childrens Day joint service at 11:00. So I had a few minutes to write back to Wooster and to tell them I had arrived

O.K. etc. Because of course going alone on an excursion trip to Chicago - and setting up was a little risky. It certainly did pay me though - since I had no trunk there was no excess baggage and I carried my grip - a hat box and a Boston bag. The excursion crowd wasn't a bad one at all - I just simply muddled my business and acted as if I knew it all. Left Wooster at 10:50 with a grand send off and arrived Chi. at 6 in the morning. There were no beds so sat up all night except for intervals of sleeping. Read a little of "By an Unknown Disciple"

I am pretty tired. After
taking my exams last week.
(Psychology was the only one
I had any trouble in) & there
was so much else to do.

I finished my exams
Thursday morning - which
was for English exam -
~~C~~ (got B+ on my semester
English theme - Mary got B-)
(most of the grades were C and
B-)

Started packing immediately
We had to be out of the
room by Friday morning
because Mrs. Rankin was
having guests come to stay
there. We were to stay
up in the attic - So - Can
you imagine how hard
we worked - to pack
everything? Well -
and then you see I had

to plan for 3 different
places - while packing.
Besides deciding what I
wanted to send home I
had to plan for Milwaukee
and summer school -
and up north (which meant
warm clothes) and New York
and National Council -
besides of course - what I
should leave at school.
It wasn't much fun!
We stayed up till 2:00
and had practically
everything done - except
the natty work which
we got up at 5:30 to do.
While I had to work at
the Tea house at 9:00 -
- and I didn't feel so
prim - or peppy.
(Had gone to the peace pipe
smoke the evening before.

Worked 10 hours altogether on Friday
so earned \$3.00 - Worked $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours
on Saturday - so earned
\$2.25 - They asked me to serve
at the Alumni Banquet (no pay - too
tired - so didn't) -

Friday night went to the
play - I was too tired to enjoy it
much - after working 10 hours
and not sleeping more than 5 hours.
Leland was in the play - He had his
car in town so didn't have to walk up
nor down to the opera house.

Saturday evening was
campus elimination and it
was beautiful - After working
at the Tea House and finishing
all my packing - I took a

bath and washed my hair. Then
went down town and got
a hair cut. In the meantime
many and Leland had prepared
a little lunch and so when
I came home from town - we
ate.

The kids made me up a
little lunch from the box you
sent. The nut bread was
so good. Ate some on the
train Sunday morning -

Am sending home my
laundry and a bag containing
comfits and two laundry
bags full of clothes. I don't
want the clothes here in
Milwaukee that are in the
big tan laundry bag -

but I do want the
clothes in the blue
striped bag - that is
the smallest one - and
the bag itself. I should
have a laundry bag
here - - Don't know whether
all those things will fit
in my laundry ~~bag~~ but
when you send them to
me or not.

Stayed with Betty
Joanov last night and
am going out to Browners
for supper tonight
and be there when Mary
comes home. !

→ We are now in Betty's
English class. Mr. Rice.
(You remember him at
Calvary?) is the teacher

By By Love. "Beau"

Will answer your
questions when I write
next